

## TRICARE SENIOR PRIME OFFICE OF PLAN ADMINISTRATION TRICARE Northwest Madigan Army Medical Center Tacoma, Washington 98431

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## Information Alert

**SUBJECT:** Hospice

The following provides clarification concerning hospice as a covered benefit through the TRICARE Senior Prime (TSP) program.

Hospice is not a covered benefit under the TSP Program. Lists of hospices are available for beneficiaries to choose from but once they elect hospice, the services they receive from the hospice for the terminal condition are billed to HCFA by the hospice, with no TSP involvement. TSP will continue to cover other services that may be needed, but only those unrelated to the terminal condition.